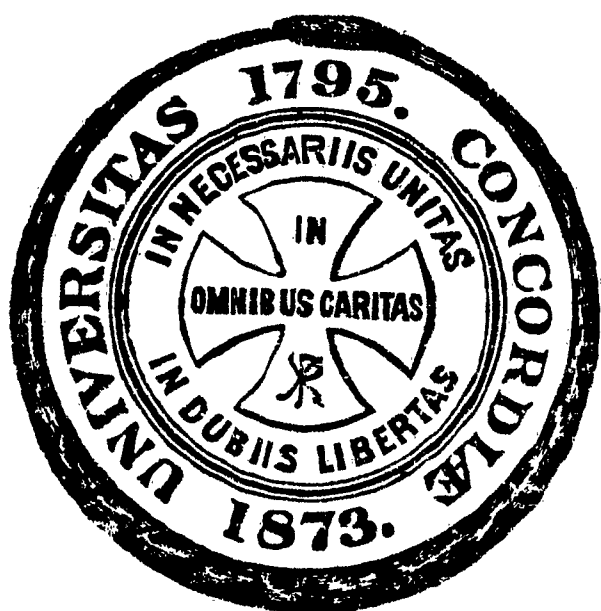


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College Spirit Re-Awakened.

The college spirit and enthusiasm which has been so remarkably characteristic of Union in the days gone by, was revived if not equaled, by the display of college patriotism which took place in front of Nott Memorial Hall, on Wednesday evening.

Dr. Raymond announced two days before that there would be a gathering there, but its nature was not disclosed. Shortly before 7 o'clock the students assembled in front of South college and then marched to the centre of the campus where the faculty and their families had already seated themselves. College and class yells were given for the various professors, and Union songs were sung. Drs. Whitehorne and Wells were missing from the faculty and the students divided themselves into two parties, one of which went for Dr. Whitehorne and the other for Dr. Wells. The former succeeded after several hearty yells, in inducing the venerable professor of Greek to come out. The party formed itself into two long lines, one on either side of the walk and allowed the ex-dean to pass through the center. He was then escorted to the campus. The party who went for Dr. Wells prevailed upon him to come out and he was escorted to the campus. The exercises then began.

The students seated themselves on the lawn directly in front of the west steps of the round building, the alumni, faculty and ladies occupied seats farther back, and the musical clubs rendered several pleasing selections from the steps.

Dr. Raymond called the informal gathering to order and made a very interesting address on the days when he was an undergraduate, and described the celebrations of the class of '75. Dr. Whitehorne was then called for and spoke on the present spirit of harmony, justice and

fellowship which prevails at Union, and repeatedly thanked the students for the honor shown him on the occasion. Dean Ripton was prevailed upon to address the gathering, and gave a laughable account of his college days and the experiences of the class of '80, in Dr. Whitehorne's room. Repeated calls were heard for Dr. Perkins, and at length he took his position on the steps and gave some humorous remarks, many of which were at the expense of the Dean.

Todd, '97, Williams, '97, Birch, '97, Crichton, '98 and Herring, '97, made speeches, and the whole programme was interspersed with songs and selections by the musical association, and the Sophomore quartet. Cook, '98, also gave an impersonation.

At the close of the exercises a parade was made through the principal streets of the city.

An Opinion Concerning Dr. Wells.

A recent number of the *Northern Christian Advocate* contained the following complimentary notice concerning Professor Wells: "One of the most pleasant features of the recent session of the Troy Conference was the address of Prof. William Wells, of Union College, on Thursday morning, in which he indulged in a most delightful strain of reminiscences, alluding affectionately to some of the prominent members of the conference as his boys. He was greeted with an ovation. He has not only been eminent as an educator for nearly half a century, but his graceful and prolific pen has made his name familiar throughout the Church and the country. He is now seventy-seven years of age, but though his hair is white, his form is elastic and his eyes are as bright, his smile is as winning, and his tongue as fluent as ever.

Concerning the New Athletic Field.

It has come to our knowledge that there is more or less uncertainty as to just what the new athletic field is to be, and what is to be accomplished by its construction.

One of the main reasons why our athletics have not of late been more beneficial to the student body and to the reputation of the college has been first, the lack of facilities, and second, the consequent lack of funds.

This has prevented the greatest development of our material, has rendered our arrangements for the season very uncertain, made our policies often inconsistent, and caused a frequent and almost permanent call upon alumni for financial assistance, in return for which they receive most discouraging results.

By means of this new athletic field it is intended to obviate these two main handicaps, and incidentally benefit athletics in many other ways.

The plan calls for a field with two base ball diamonds, two foot ball fields if possible, a good sized well-made and drained track, with grand stand and also uncovered seats, the whole to be enclosed by a suitable fence.

Careful estimates have been made by alumni thoroughly in touch with athletic affairs, and there is every reason to believe that with this improved equipment, every one can be made to pay instead of only those who are willing, as now, then with the subscriptions and the grand stand receipts, and the normal increase in attendance that will result from suitable accommodations, the total receipts will be at least double the present receipts. This will terminate the calls upon alumni for financial assistance, and will assume such support as will enable those in charge of athletic affairs to provide all the necessary equipment and trainers to turn out the best teams we can produce.

But of great moment, perhaps, is the fact that with this new field, there will be opportunities for every one to get out in the open air and enjoy the healthy out door sports in the many impromptu games that will surely take place, and the whole athletic ground will not be

reserved for the members of the various teams, as is now practically the case. This will necessarily bring about a greater interest in athletics, a greater devotion to them during spare time, and not so much to less beneficial ways of spending the hours of recreation. The teams will be better, the honor of playing on them greater, the desire to play stronger, and hence a greater desire not to be barred from playing on account of deficiency in scholarship.

Then athletes, that common meeting ground for the divers interests and tastes of undergraduate life, will be what they should be to the student body, and there will of necessity be a great advancement in what is perhaps best expressed by the Frenchman's *esprit de corps*.

If this can be accomplished by a new enclosed athletic field, is not the object worthy of our best endeavors? Surely every alumnus asked will give liberally, promptly and once for all, to such an undertaking, and we are sure the undergraduate body will heartily co-operate.

Every one of the classes from '75 to '95 has made some progress in the raising of their quota of the necessary funds, and several of them have exceeded the minimum amount. A neat sum was realized from the lecture with which we were so kindly favored by Mr. Melville D. Landon, '61, "Eli Perkins." And there seems no good reason why the new field should not soon be an actuality,

At the proper time THE CONCORDIENSIS will start a fund to help out the cause.

Prof, William Wells commenced on Friday a series of lectures to the Junior classics on "German Literature." His usual spring term lectures on current topics will be omitted this year.

E. E. Draper, '97, R. S. Hoxie, '98, F. J. Bonesteel, '99, A. D. Casey, '99, W. M. Wilson, '99, G. W. Francis, 1900, Newman Walbridge, 1900, together with Frank Cooper, '93, and T. B. Brown, have been in attendance at the 56th annual convention of the Chi Psi fraternity, held at the Holland House, New York, during the past week.

Field and Track.

No department of Union's athletics has a more promising outlook for the future than the field and track. Too much encouragement cannot be given to this branch of athletics. It is, and should be an important factor, and now under the stimulus of a proposed new athletic field, not only this but every branch of athletics should be enthusiastically supported.

In the past our men have worked with a determination to make Union famous in athletics, and accomplished what they sought. If the present team work, with the same determination and enthusiasm, the result need not be feared.

The popularity of track athletics here is well attested by the number of men trying to make the team, which in its present condition is very strong. We will send not only a strong, but a winning team to the inter-collegiate meet at Utica, June 5th. The Freshman class is training a large number of men, several of whom will undoubtedly be winners in their events before they leave college.

There is a large number of men training for all the events. The following is a partial list of the competitors for the events:

Mile run, Multer, '97, Hartnagle, '98, Wright, '99.

Half-mile; Hinman, '99, French, '99, French, 1900, Raitt, 1900.

Quarter-mile; O'Neill, '98, Guttman, '98, Price '99, French, '99.

220-yard dash; O'Neill, '97, Closs, '98, Price, '99, French, 1900, F. M. Davis, 1900, Kline, 1900, Raitt, 1900.

100-yard dash; O'Neill, '97, Closs, '98, Price, '99, French, 1900, F. M. Davis, 1900, Raitt, 1900, Kline, 1900.

100 and 220-yard hurdles; Pearse, '97, G. Vrooman, '98, Crothers, '98, Sylvester, '99.

Relay race of eight men; O'Neill, '97, Cullen, '98, Guttman, '98, Price, '99, F. M. Davis, 1900, Raitt, 1900, French, 1900, Boughton, 1900.

Two-mile bicycle; Campbell, '97, Hild, '98, Wallbridge, 1900.

Mile walk; Todd, '97, Cotton, '97, McMillan, '98, Hegeman, '99.

Pole vault; Pildain, '97, Campbell, '97, Hoxie, '98, Deyoe, '85, Sylvester, '99, Miller 1900.

High jump; Campbell, '97, Schofield, '97, Deyoe, '98, Fisher, '98, Yates, '98, Davis, 1900.

Shot-put; Bookhout, '97, McMillan, '98, C. Vrooman, '98, Delehanty, Med.

Hammer-throw; Bookhout, '97, McMillan, '98, C. Vrooman, '98.

The present good condition of affairs and bright prospects for the future have been brought about by the efficient services of manager Herring, assistant manager Cox, and captain O'Neill, while at the same time the supervision of the athletic board and the enthusiasm of the students, have influenced it in no small way.

In the bicycle and relay races, shot-put and mile walk, we are sure of first places, and some others are doubtful. With these firsts and a good average in others, Union should easily win the meet. We are proud of our past records. May we not be likewise of those we shall make in the future.

Rooting and Rooters.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., May 6, 1897.

Editor of The Concoriensis:—

My Dear Sir:

While not a teetotaler on "rooters," I venture to suggest that the maxim "a place for everything and everything in its place," is quite applicable to them. The place for "rooters" is not near the third baseman of the opposing team, nor yet near the first baseman, but well back from all the players.

It is possible to win games by "rooting" alone, but it is not permissible according to any decent code of student ethics with which I am acquainted.

I dare believe that the games would be more enjoyable to a considerable part of the spectators if the "rooting" were conducted with a keener sense of the fit and proper.

Yours very truly,

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THE college "yell" when well given is an agreeable and strong demonstration of enthusiasm. When poorly given, it is likely to be the flatest kind of a cheer and rarely encourages the contestants in a college base ball game.

Union has a good number of rhythmic "yells," and when they are well given are admirably suited to encourage the college teams.

A PROPER amount of enthusiasm is a good thing when it is well directed. Enthusiasm however which manifests itself in wild and uncontrollable excesses, is generally of short duration. From its very intensity it is apt to burn itself out. It reflects but little, if any, benefit upon the students affected or the interests it is intended to encourage. Honest enthusiasm which springs from the heart will generally remain within proper bounds. It is the sham, the make-believe article which oversteps the bounds of propriety. What we want is genuine enthusiasm.

THE "rooting" which occurred during the game Thursday afternoon was the best which has been heard on the campus for a long time. It however, was not well directed. The question is the subject of a letter which we print elsewhere in this issue. THE CONCORDIENSIS would suggest, that the cheering be conducted in a manner similar to that in vogue in some of the larger colleges. One man should act as a conductor and the entire student body should give the yell only when he directs. If such a plan were adopted suitable variations in the "yells" could be indulged in and the harmony and usefulness of the "rooting" materially increased.

THE new wave of college spirit which has recently manifested itself is indeed encouraging. We are glad to note also that it is on the increase, and every one interested in the college most sincerely hopes that it may result not only in good returns from the spring games and the spring meets but also that it will be evident during the foot ball season next fall. College spirit to be effective however, must be both active and unselfish. No student, no matter how loudly he cheers or how much he talks, has a proper college spirit if he falters when he is asked to become an active participant in the undergraduate affairs of the college. There are many men in college who have never identified themselves with the various college teams for the simple reason that they were too lazy. We know who you are, every one on the hill does, and no amount of talking or cheering can cover up laziness. Successful athletic teams are simply the result of work.

Dr. Sawin's Lecture.

The Rev. T. B. Sawin, D. D., of Troy, who so acceptably preached the sermon on the day of prayer two years ago, gave a lecture in the chapel Friday afternoon on "Some Illustrations of Browning."

The undergraduate attendance was deplorably small but it was offset by the unusually large number of ladies who graced the occasion with their presence.

Dr. Sawin read the poems "Paxinrotto," "Home Thoughts from Abroad," "Meeting at Night," "Parting in the Morning," "By the Fireside," "Clive," "Appearances," and "Natural Magic." Each poem was analyzed and explained in a scholarly fashion and no one who heard the lecture can fail to take a warmer interest in Browning and his poems.

Union Victorious.

THE HOME TEAM EASILY DEFEATS COLGATE
BY A SCORE OF 18 TO 12.

Thursday afternoon a large crowd assembled on the campus to witness the base ball game between Union and Colgate.

The jollification meeting the evening before had served the purpose of raising a proper amount of college enthusiasm and the result of the "rooting" so encouraged the home team that each player, as he stepped to the plate, felt confident of his ability to safely place the ball in the outfield. The confidence of the players was not born of conceit as the result has shown. In the first inning Union found the ball and repeatedly sent it scudding across the diamond or batted it far out into the outer field. They succeeded in bringing safely home two runs before they surrendered the batting to the Colgate nine. The enthusiasm of the student body knew no bounds. Their hearty cheering raised the spirits of every one, and when Thatcher stepped into the pitcher's box, he confidently fondled the ball until Umpire Enders signaled to recommence the playing. The Colgate men tried hard to find the ball which Thatcher knew so well how to manipulate, but succeeded only in touching it once for a slow grounder before three men were put out. In the second inning the Colgate team did better, as three of Unions batters were put out on their run for first base. The in-fielding of the Colgate players during this inning was excellent.

Colgate however failed to score during this inning, though they did manage to find the ball several times.

In the third inning Union hammered the ball unmercifully and succeeded in bringing in five scores, but Colgate also raised the stock of the visiting team by scoring three runs.

After this both teams improved in their batting or the pitchers were becoming exhausted. In the fifth inning the home team got five more runs but Colgate returned the compliment by hitting the ball hard at the important time and run in seven scores. From this inning to the end of the game the playing on both sides was

more steady, but the lead which the home team had taken was too much for the visitors and the game closed with the score 18 to 12 in favor of Union.

| UNION. | AB | R | 1B | PO | A | E |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| French, s. s. | 5 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| Smith, c. f. | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Delehanty, c. | 6 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Thatcher, p. | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parsons, l. f. | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Vrooman, 2b. | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Hegeman, r. f. | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Edwards, 1b. | 4 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| Davis, 3b. | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Totals. | 45 | 18 | 10 | 27 | 11 | 7 |
| COLGATE. | AB | R | 1B | PO | A | E |
| Carpenter, 3b. | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Sheldon, p. | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Allen, c. f. | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hodge, 1b. | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 3 |
| Crompt, l. f. | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Webb, s. s. | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Wood, 2b. | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Smith, r. f. | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Root, c. | 5 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals. | 47 | 12 | 17 | 27 | 12 | 12 |
| Union. | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Colgate. | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 1 |

Summary—Two base hits, Smith, Davis, Hodge, Crompt, Wood; three base hit, Hodge; home run, Thatcher; bases on balls, off Thatcher 3, off Sheldon 4; struck out, by Thatcher 8; by Sheldon 10. Time of game, 2:15.

Union 31, Hamilton 8.

For the second time this season the base ball team played Hamilton last Saturday on the campus, and the game was won by Union by the score of 31 to 8. Whether it was the result of playing on the home field or of better playing on the part of the team, it is impossible to say, at any rate we won and are correspondingly jubilant.

The game itself abounded in errors and the visitors were so demoralized from the start that making runs was with Union only a matter of form. Thatcher, in the pitcher's box, kept Hamilton guessing and Guy Vroman, '98, a newcomer on the team, played second base in a way that was the admiration of all. Hamilton was completely outbatted and her frequent changes in the positions of her players added to her discomfiture. The score follows:

| UNION. | AB | R | 1B | PO | A | E |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|---|---|
| French, s. s..... | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Smith, c. f..... | 8 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Delehanty, c..... | 5 | 6 | 4 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Thatcher, p..... | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Parsons, l. f..... | 6 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Edwards, 1b..... | 6 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 2 |
| Davis, 3b..... | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Vrooman, 2b..... | 7 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Whipple, r. f..... | 7 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals..... | 60 | 31 | 27 | 26* | 8 | 4 |

* Kelsey out; hit by batted ball.

| HAMILTON. | AB | R | 1B | PO | A | E |
|---------------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Robertson, 3b..... | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Baker, 2b..... | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Stevens, c. f..... | 6 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Lee, l. f..... | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Millham, s. s..... | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Heyl, c..... | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Cunningham, 1b..... | 5 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Stone, p..... | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Kelsey, r. f..... | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals..... | 41 | 8 | 12 | 27 | 10 | 6 |
| Union..... | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 19 |
| Hamilton..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Summary—Two base hits, Delehanty, Thatcher, Vroman (2); three base hits, Thatcher, Whipple, Stone; home run, Edwards; bases on balls, by Thatcher 5, by Stone 7; struck out, Smith, Parsons (2), Robertson (3), Baker, Lee (4), Millham, Heyl, Stone, Kelsey (3).

Local and Personal.

Prof. Winans spent Monday in Gloversville. Mattison, '98, preached in Bellevue last Sunday.

John G. Hilton, '96, was about college during the week.

J. W. Furgeson, '92, was in town Wednesday, May 5.

Prof. Pepper has been absent several days during the past week.

Winn, '97, of Albany, who has been sick for a few days has returned.

Patterson, 1900, has been confined to the house with a severe cold.

The Junior orations for this term are due to Instructor Reeves May 14.

James H. Dunham, '96, has been the guest of friends on the hill for a few days.

Loucks, 1900, is again in college after a week's sickness at his home in Albany.

Dr. Raymond delivered the dedicatory address at the opening of the new Presbyterian Church of Cohoes on Thursday.

Mrs. A. V. V. Raymond and Mrs. J. K. Paige gave a reading before the city Young Women's Christian Association last Saturday.

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College Notes.

APPEAL TO COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity has been suggested to inaugurate among the college fraternities of America a movement by which a fund may be raised to assist native Greeks in America to return to their homes. In view of the present war in which their country is engaged with the Turks, the Greeks are naturally anxious to participate in the trouble. The money subscribed will be used only for transportation purposes, and will not buy ammunition or arms, thus violating the principles of national neutrality.

It is desired that this matter be brought before the attention of all fraternities and their respective chapters. A committee has already been appointed by the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

MICHIGAN SENATE PROHIBITS FOOT BALL.

By a vote of 17 to 9 the Michigan state senate has passed the bill to suppress glove contests and foot ball games. Senator Bostwick introduced the bill and it originally applied to glove contests only, but at Senator Merriman's suggestion it was amended in committee of the whole last week so as to apply to foot ball also. When the bill was put on its passage Senator Merriman, thinking his amendment might lose the measure some votes, asked that it be recalled, but the effort to save foot ball failed.—*U. of M. Daily.*

Morrison L. Haviland, '98, sailed from New York on Thursday to spend the next five months at Berlin, Germany.

H. H. Brown, '97, while out on the ball grounds a few days ago, dislocated his knee and in consequence has been confined to his room.

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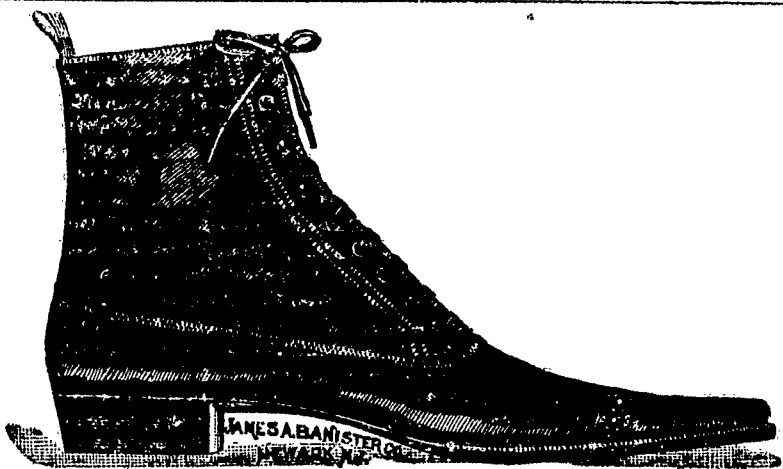
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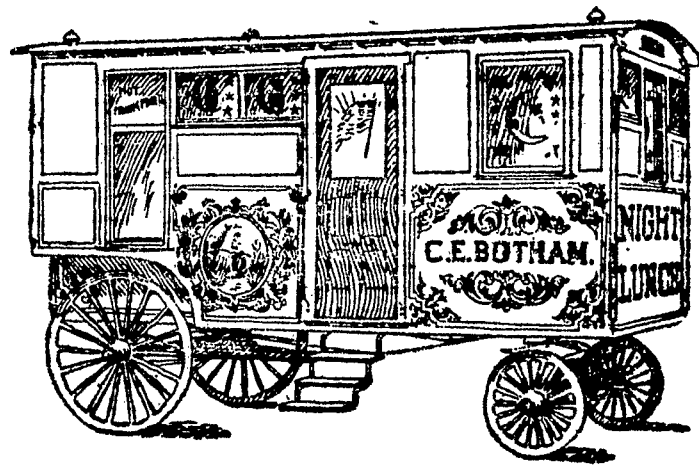
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